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SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the opening of the Southeast Alaska drift gillnet fishery, during the times and in the areas listed below, beginning on Sunday, July 21, 2013.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 21, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, July 25**, with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of the latitude of Akeku Point located at the southern entrance of Edwards Passage.

District 6: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 21, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 24**, with the following restrictions:

Section 6-D: will be closed north and east of a line from Mariposa Rock Buoy to the northernmost tip of Point Harrington, to a point on Etolin Island at 56°09.60' N. latitude, 132°42.70' W. longitude, to the southernmost tip of Point Stanhope, and south of a line from Point Stanhope to Luck Point;

Salmon Bay: will be closed west of a line from Point Colpoys to Rookery Island Light, to the westernmost tip of Fire Island, to a point on Prince of Wales Island at the latitude of the westernmost tip of Fire Island.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 21, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 24**, with the following restrictions:

Beacon Point/Point Frederick Area: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed west of a line from the District 10 boundary one nautical mile off the Kupreanof Island shoreline, to Sukoi Island Light, to Point Frederick;

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River will be closed north and west of a line from Babbler Point, to Hour Point, along the shore of Wrangell Island to Point Highfield, to the southern end of Liesnoi Island, to the southern end of Greys Island, to the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough, to the nearest point of Mitkof Island, and south and east of a line from the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island, to the northern end of Coney Island, to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore;

Kunk Creek: waters of Kunk Creek will be closed west of a line extending due south from a point on Etolin Island at 56°17.82' N. latitude, 132°22.98' W. longitude, to the District 7/8 boundary line in Zimovia Strait.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 21, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 23**, with the following restrictions:

Port Snettisham: waters of Port Snettisham will be closed east of a line from Point Styleman to Point Anmer;

Limestone Inlet: will be closed east of a line from a point on the north shore at 58°02.09' N. latitude, 133°58.87' W. longitude, to a point on the south shore at 58°01.92' N. latitude, 133°58.87' W. longitude (inside markers);

Gillnet Mesh Size Restriction: from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 21, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 23, south of the latitude of Circle Point (from the marker at approximately 58°07.76' N. latitude), gillnets must have a minimum mesh size of six inches.

Section 11-C: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 21, through 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 23.

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 21, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 24**, in the waters of Lynn Canal west of a line beginning at a point within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal at the latitude of Point Sherman, to Eldred Rock Light, to the southernmost tip of Talsani Island, to the northernmost tip of Talsani Island, to Seduction Point, with the following restriction:

Chilkat Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude from the northernmost tip of Kochu Island at 59°09.04' N. latitude.

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 21, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 24**, in those waters within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal south of the latitude of Danger Point at 58°41.73' N. latitude and in all remaining waters of Section 15-C south of the latitude of Point Bridget at 58°40.73' N. latitude with the following restriction:

Gillnet Mesh Size Restriction: the minimum mesh size for gillnets fished in Section 15-C (except for the Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA)) is six inches.

Section 15-C: The Boat Harbor THA will be open until further notice in those waters within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal from the latitude of Danger Point at 58°41.73' N. latitude and south to a point 2.4 miles north of Point Whidbey at 58°36.96' N. latitude.

The Section 1-B drift gillnet fishery is now being managed according to the District One Pink Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 33.360). It is expected that the District 1 purse seine fishery will be given at least two days of fishing time during Statistical Week 30. Therefore, the Tree Point drift gillnet fishery will be allowed at least four days of fishing time. If the District 1 purse seine fishery is open for more than two days during Statistical Week 30, the fishing time at Tree Point will be extended.

Fishermen and tenders are asked to keep king salmon harvested in the Anita Bay THA separate from those harvested in District 8. Separating these harvests will greatly assist in fish accounting purposes in regards to the Pacific Salmon Treaty.

King salmon less than 28" that are harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold. King salmon less than 28" in length, and those of Alaska hatchery origin, will not be counted against the Alaskan allocation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty harvest. The department discontinued the use of species code 411 beginning in 2012 to account for small king salmon in drift gillnet fisheries and instead will rely on ADF&G port sampling programs for that purpose. For drift gillnet fisheries, only species code 410 should be used to report king salmon of all sizes. Fish and Game samplers working at the processing facilities will also identify hatchery-reared king salmon so those fish are not counted against the Alaskan share of the harvest.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S3013.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates								
Statistical Week 29 (July 14 through 20)								
Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 18, 2013								
NUMBER OF SALMON								
District	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Days Open
Section 1-B	100	7,000	3,000	60,000	40,000	110,100	60	4
District 6	200	8,000	5,700	25,000	17,000	55,900	37	3
District 8	500	3,000	500	4,000	18,000	26,000	43	3
District 11	75	36,000	300	15,000	110,000	161,375	140	2
District 15	40	8,000	200	8,000	71,000	87,240	55	3
Deep Inlet THA	180	50	40	1,300	23,000	24,570	24	3
Total	1,095	62,050	9,740	113,300	279,000	465,185		
FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD								
District	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total		
Section 1-B	2	117	50	1,000	667	1,835		
District 6	5	216	154	676	459	1,511		
District 8	12	70	12	93	419	605		
District 11	1	257	2	107	786	1,153		
District 15	1	145	4	145	1,291	1,586		
Deep Inlet THA	8	2	2	54	958	1,024		
Anita Bay THA: cumulative harvest of 8,000 king salmon and 9,000 chum salmon.								
Nakat Inlet THA: cumulative harvest of 40,000 chum salmon.								

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